

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented job management method for an information processing system that includes ~~[[an]]~~ a plurality of information processing ~~device~~ devices that execute a policy command action concerning the same job, the job management method comprising:

storing in a computer-readable storage medium a stencil for a job definition statement and data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup, wherein the data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup is used to produce a user interface for generating a job definition statement;

generating data for executing a process for generating a job definition statement based on contents set by a user via the user interface in accordance with the stencil for the job definition statement and the data prescribing the user interface for job definition statement setup which have been stored in the computer-readable storage medium; and

generating the job definition statement by executing the process in accordance with the generated data;

wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a specific description written in the stencil, and the stencil for the job definition statement defines a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule,

wherein the policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable.

2. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 1, wherein the stencil for the job definition statement is written in XML format.

3. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 2, wherein the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement is written in XML format and positioned in a file in which the stencil for the job definition statement is written.

4. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 1, wherein the user interface is capable of opening a window, which is organized to prompt a user for setup, in order to prompt the user to set the job definition statement.

5. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 4, wherein the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement contains control data for specifying whether the window should display user-definable options.

6. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 4, wherein the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement contains control data for specifying whether or not to display a window that can open subsequently to a preceding window depending on a user response to the preceding window.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 1, wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement issuing an instruction for generating a job definition statement in which a specific description written in the stencil is repeatedly written.

9. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented job management method according to claim 1, wherein the job definition statement contains a definition statement for setting a job network that executes a stream of a plurality of jobs.

10. (Currently amended) An information processing system including a plurality of information devices that execute a policy command action concerning the same job, the information processing system comprising:

means for storing in a computer-readable storage medium a stencil for a job definition statement and data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup, wherein the data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup is used to produce a user interface for generating a job definition statement;

means for generating data for executing a process for generating a job definition statement based on contents set by a user via the user interface in accordance with the stencil for the job definition statement and the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement which have been stored in the computer-readable storage medium; and

means for generating the job definition statement by executing the process in accordance with the generated data;

wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a specific description written in the stencil, and the stencil for the job definition statement defines a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule,

wherein each policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable.

11. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 10, further comprising means for importing or exporting the stencil for the job definition statement that is managed as data in file form.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage product having a program for execution by an information processing system including a plurality of information devices that execute a policy command action concerning the same job, the program comprising:

code for storing in a computer-readable storage medium a stencil for a job definition statement and data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup, wherein the data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup is used to produce a user interface for generating a job definition statement;

code for generating data for executing a process for generating a job definition statement based on contents set by a user via the user interface in accordance with the stencil for the job definition statement and the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement which have been stored in the computer-readable storage medium; and

code for generating the job definition statement by executing the process in accordance with the generated data;

wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a specific description written in the stencil, and the stencil for the job definition statement defines a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule,

wherein each policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable.

13. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage product having a program for enabling an information processing system including a plurality of information devices that execute a policy command action concerning the same job, the program comprising:

code for generating data for executing a process for generating a job definition statement based on contents set by a user via a user interface in accordance with a stencil for the job definition statement and data prescribing the user interface for job definition statement setup, the stencil for the job definition statement and data prescribing the user interface for job definition statement setup having been previously stored in a computer-readable storage medium, wherein the data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup is used to produce a user interface for generating a job definition statement;

wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a

specific description written in the stencil, and the stencil for the job definition statement defines a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule,
wherein each policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable.

14. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage product having a program for enabling an information processing device in an information processing system including a plurality of information devices that execute a policy command action concerning the same job; which comprises means for storing in a computer-readable storage medium a stencil for a job definition statement and data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup, wherein the data prescribing a user interface for job definition statement setup is used to produce a user interface for generating a job definition statement; and means for generating data for executing a process for generating a job definition statement based on the contents set by a user via the user interface in accordance with the stencil for the job definition statement and the data prescribing the user interface for setting the job definition statement which have been stored in the computer-readable storage medium; to implement the user interface in accordance with the generated data and exercise a function for generating the job definition statement;

wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a specific description written in the stencil, and the stencil for the job definition statement defines a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule,

wherein each policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A storage system which includes a storage device for storing data for use in an operation server and a management server for managing the operation of the storage device, defining a job targeted for execution as a policy rule, and

executing a process in compliance with the policy rule, the job executed by a policy command action performed by a plurality of information devices, the storage system comprising:

a storage section configured to store information about data concerning the policy rule and data prescribing a user interface for setting the policy rule, the data defining a global environment variable commonly referenced by all policy command actions that are written as lower-level elements for a root policy rule, wherein each policy command action is capable of setting an initial value for the global environment variable; and

a policy wizard GUI which is configured to

read the element attribute information about a policy rule from the storage section, process an element of a wizard page defining a guidance window for policy setup, and generate a wizard window using the data prescribing a user interface for setting the policy rule which is stored in the storage section;

enter policy rule setup information via the user interface in compliance with an instruction displayed by the generated window; and

generate a policy rule in accordance with the information entered via the user interface;

wherein the information about data concerning the policy rule contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement for invalidating a specific description written therein.

17. (Original) The storage system according to claim 16, wherein the policy rule set via the user interface is stored in XML format in the storage section.

18. (Previously presented) The storage system according to claim 16, wherein a policy template defining data for executing a policy rule generation process in accordance with contents set by a user via the user interface contains information about a policy guidance window serving as the user interface and information about a generated policy definition XML file.

19. (Previously presented) The storage system according to claim 16, wherein the policy rule generated by the policy wizard GUI is delivered to a policy execution engine and registered.

20. (Previously presented) The storage system according to claim 16, wherein the storage section stores beforehand information about instances of data concerning the policy rule and information about instances of data prescribing a user interface for setting the policy rule.

21. (Previously presented) The information processing system according to claim 10, wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement issuing an instruction for generating a job definition statement in which a specific description written in the stencil is repeatedly written.

22. (Previously presented) The computer readable storage product according to claim 12, wherein the stencil for the job definition statement contains, in accordance with a user selection made via the user interface, a definition statement issuing an instruction for generating a job definition statement in which a specific description written in the stencil is repeatedly written.